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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

### TRANSMITTAL

#### (INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.*

*See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

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To: **Commissioner for Patents**  
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Attorney Docket No.: 826.1658

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Application No. 09/749,720 Group Art Unit 3629

Filing Date December 28, 2000 Examiner I. Borissov

CPA Filing Date Confirmation No 6774

Title of Invention MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREOF

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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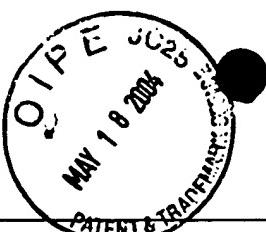
#### Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

- a.  Previously submitted
- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed by Certificate of Mail on March 18, 2004 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 22, 2004 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other

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#### Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b.  Other



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BASIC FEE	\$ 770.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of <u>February 18, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010));	840.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)	
Total of above Calculations =	\$ 1610.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).	
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE =</b>	<b>\$ 1610.00</b>

4.  Small entity status:  
a.  Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.  
b.  A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.  
c.  is no longer claimed.  
5.  Other:

## 6. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- A check in the amount of \$ \$1610.00 is enclosed.  
 Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)

## 7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to:

Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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## 9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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